



WISCONSIN FORESTRY FACTS:

Value to local Governments

DNR's FORESTRY DIVISION SUPPORTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

In 2014, each \$1 provided by DNR for Urban Forestry projects leveraged \$1.5 in local matching funds. This resulted in more than \$1.5 million in combined spending for critical efforts including emerald ash borer response, tree planting, management planning and outreach efforts.



DNR RESPONDS TO URBAN FOREST THREATS

THREAT: EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

RESPONSE: Urban forestry grant money was reprioritized to respond to threat of EAB

- Up to 94 percent of recent annual requests were for EAB mitigation efforts
- Actual 2013 EAB Spending: 31 communities received 87 percent of available funds

THREAT: CATASTROPHIC STORMS

RESPONSE: Rapid deployment of urban forestry catastrophic storm grant funds

- June, 2014: Governor declared state of emergency in Dane, Grant and Green Co.
- \$105,00 was disbursed to six communities for recovery efforts

URBAN FORESTRY IN 2014

Impact	Number	% of Total
Communities assisted	277	40%
Community population affected	3,657,669	82%
State land area affected (acres)	1,742,662	41%

Source: Wisconsin DNR

2014 GRANT PROJECT EXAMPLES

The city of Tomah exemplifies how urban forestry grant funds complement American Transmission Co.'s community tree planting grant to extend tree planting. The matching grants double tree planting, helping to expand the tree canopy.

With the typical grant award and project budget of one EAB Plan, \$25,000, Southwest Badger Resource Conservation & Development Council, Platteville, will strategically complete seven EAB plans for small developing communities.

Town and Country Resource Conservation & Development Council, Jefferson, received a grant in 2014 to develop specifications for urban wood that architects and builders can use in construction projects. The project has increased demand for urban wood and this industry first has been shared with professionals via an online magazine that disseminates construction information and fosters communication amongst building design professionals.

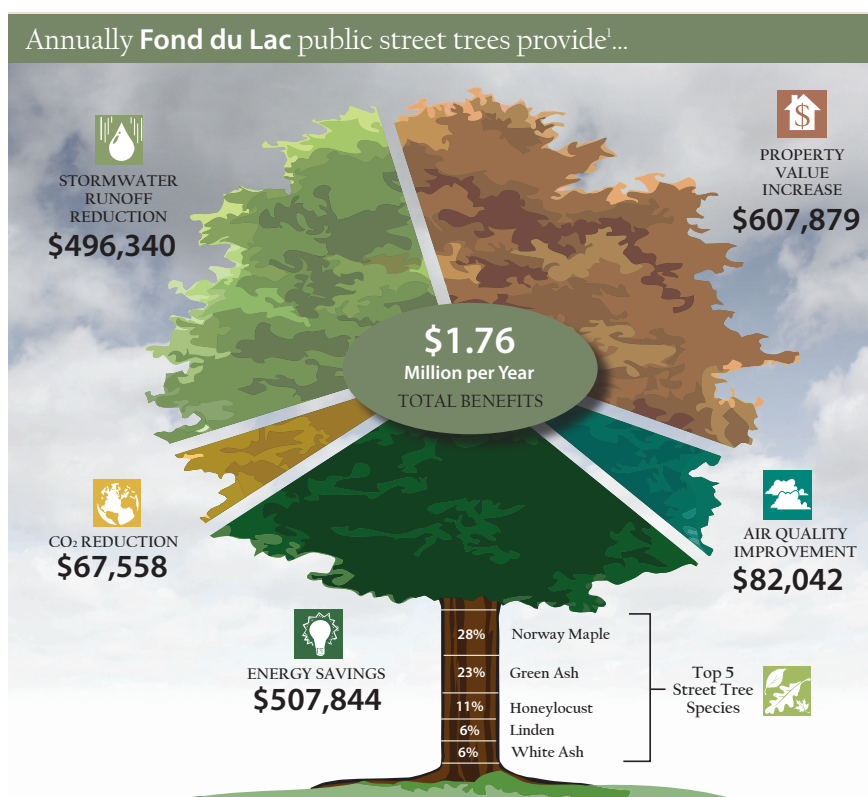
URBAN FORESTRY IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Forestry staff assistance has resulted in:

- 192 Wisconsin communities achieving the Tree City USA designation, up from 47 when the program began. Wisconsin now ranks 2nd in the nation.
- 71 Wisconsin communities with a trained and nationally recognized urban forest manager resulting directly from DNR's Wisconsin Community Tree Management Institute training.
- \$200,000 increase in forestry funding enacted by the Fond du Lac city council resulting from DNR urban forestry's analysis and presentation of the benefits provided by the city's urban forest. This DNR-developed template is now freely available to private consultants to use to assist other communities.

Each year DNR provides an average of \$1.6 million for the following grants:

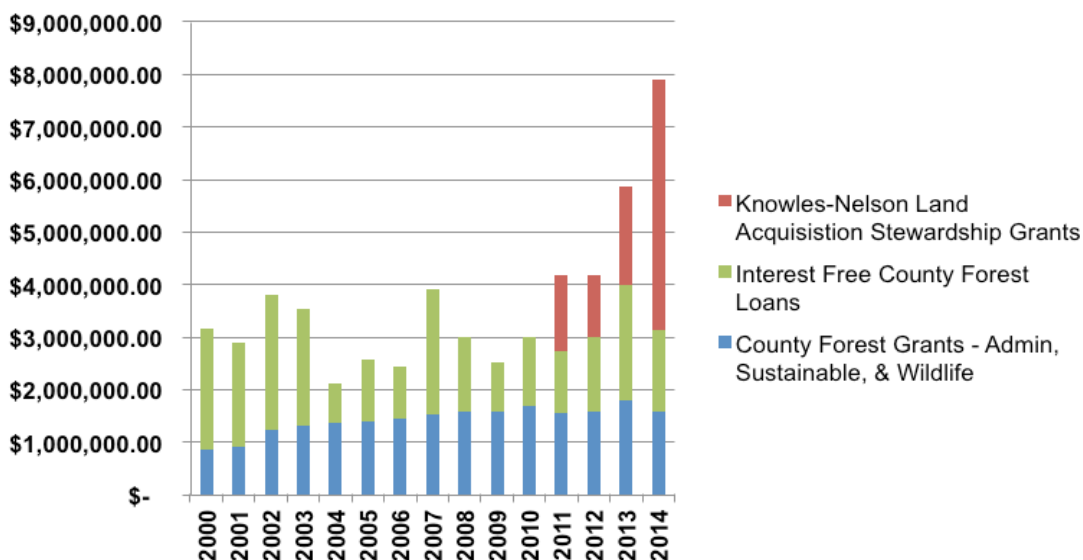
- County forest administration grants cover approximately 50 percent of the salary and benefits of a county forest administrator or assistant administrator. The grants help ensure that there is person with a Society of American Foresters accredited forestry bachelor's degree in each county with a county forest program. (Four-year average, \$1.2 million)
- Wildlife habitat grants benefit game and non-game species across the 2.4 million acre county forest program and have been used for projects such as maintaining forest openings, hunter walking trails, wildlife surveys and other habitat improvement projects. (Four-year average: \$116,000)
- Sustainable forestry grants help county forests complete projects that might be difficult or impossible to complete without funding assistance. (Four-year average \$308,000)



Grants to County Forests include:

In addition to the 23 full time employee equivalents the Division of Forestry provides to county forests to assist with local management, the following grants are also available to county forests:

- County Forest Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grants have helped counties acquire, protect and ensure sustainable forest management on more than 15,000 acres of forest land since 2010.
- Interest-free loans to county forests allow individual county forest programs to undertake economically productive forestry projects, including land acquisitions that may not be possible without financial assistance. These loans are repaid directly from timber sale revenues received for harvests on county forests where loans have been issued. (Four-year average: \$1.58 million)



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